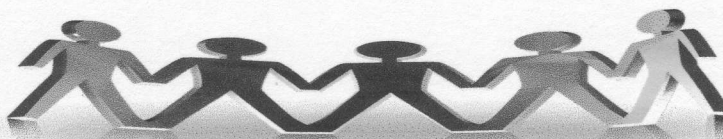


2326 Fresno Street
Fresno, California 93721



Application for the City of Fresno Youth Advisory Board 2009

About the Board

The City of Fresno Youth Advisory Board was approved by the City Council on September 16, 2008, to advise the City Council, on matters of concern to the children and youth of Fresno. The Board has 11 voting members with 11 alternates. Each City Council member will appoint one voting member and one alternate to the Board. The Mayor will appoint four voting members, and an alternate for each, to insure that the Board represents the diversity of the City.

Benefits of Being a Youth Advisor

- Learn how to effectively make change in your community through the existing government.
- Play an active role in improving the services and programs provided for youth in your area.
- Gain experience that will be beneficial to you in college or the workplace.
- Be a leader in your community working for positive change.
- Gain valuable skills in community organizing.

**Make New Friends
around the City
and HAVE FUN!**

Qualifications - What You Need to Know:

- Members must reside or attend school within the Fresno City limits.
- Members shall be not less than 15 year old (or in high school) and not more than 18 years old, at the time of appointment. Members and alternates may serve up to age 21.
- Membership is restricted to youth who have an understanding of the needs of young people, experience with children and youth programs or youth organizations, or involvement with school or community activities.
- Each member must be able and prepared to participate in Youth Advisory Board activities and make the required commitment of time and energy of approximately 4 hours per month. The Board will meet, at a minimum, once per month.

Our Recruitment Process

1. Complete and return application packet by October 31, 2008 (preferred), and NO LATER THAN November 14, 2008.
2. You will be notified of our decision by January 1, 2009.
3. After January 1, 2009, seats will be open until filled. Please call to check availability.



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Purpose and Duties of the City of Fresno Youth Advisory Commission

- Identify the concerns and needs of the children and youth of Fresno. Examine existing programs for children and youth; develop and propose plans that support or improve such programs; and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council.
- Identify the unmet needs of the Fresno's children and youth through personal contact with young people, school officials, church leaders, and other interested stakeholders. Hold public forums in which both youth and adults are encouraged to participate.
- Submit recommendations to the Mayor and City Council about areas of concern to youth, including, but not limited to, juvenile crime prevention, job opportunities for youth, and recreational activities for teenagers, and changes in city regulations that will improve the lives of children and youth.

Directions for Completing the Application

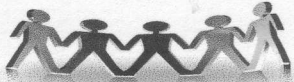
- Please type or print clearly.
- If more space is needed, feel free to attach additional sheets of paper.

Make Sure This Application is Complete and Includes:

- The Commitment Statement.
- Answers to all written questions.

Please call **Brandon Taylor**, Community Recreation Supervisor II if you have questions at (559) 621-7715 or email him at Brandon.Taylor@fresno.gov.





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General Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ Ethnicity (optional): _____
(Month/Day/Year)

What school do you currently attend? _____

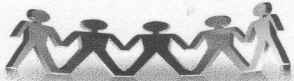
What grade will are you in? _____
(Current enrollment in school is NOT required)

What Council District do you live in? _____

1. Please list any activities you are involved in or out of school, like sports, hobbies, clubs, other youth groups, volunteer groups, committees, etc. (Involvement in other activities is NOT required!):

2. How did you find out about the City of Fresno Youth Advisory Board?

3. What motivates you to join the City of Fresno Youth Advisory Board?



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4. What three unique qualities do you feel that you will contribute?

5. What community or school issue are you most passionate about? Why?

6. What would you like to do as a part of the City of Fresno Youth Advisory Board?

7. What are the best days and times for you to meet?

8. How long have you lived in Fresno?

9. Additional Comments:

REFERENCES – Please Provide Three

Name	Relationship	Phone	Email Address



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COMMITMENT STATEMENT

I, _____, understand that the City of Fresno Youth Advisory Board is an important leadership role for youth. If accepted, I am prepared to fulfill the commitment that is asked of all members including being a good representative of the youth of Fresno, working hard to make positive change and being a positive role model for other youth.

I, _____, have also discussed the time commitment with my parents or legal guardian, teachers, sport coaches, employer and other activity programs, and can make a serious time commitment given my responsibilities.

Signature of applicant

Date:

PARENT PERMISSION

I/we, _____, the parent(s)/legal guardian(s)/ for

_____, understand and agree with the purpose and duties of the City of Fresno Youth Advisory Board, support her/him in this commitment, and give permission for full participation in all activities and responsibilities pertaining to the duties of a Youth Advisor.

Signature of parent

Date:

Please Return Application To: **City of Fresno PARCS**
 Attn: Brandon Taylor
 2326 Fresno Street
 Fresno, CA 93721

Questions? Call Brandon Taylor at 621-7715 or email Brandon.Taylor@fresno.gov



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Appointment Date: _____

Appointed By: _____

Date of Resignation: _____